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**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR
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WHEREAS, there is an imminent danger of an infestation of the non-native plant pest European gypsy moth (*Lymantria dispar L.*), which seriously endanger the agricultural and horticultural industries of the state of Washington and seriously threaten the economic well-being and quality of life of state residents;

WHEREAS, this imminent danger of infestation will include roughly 1,000 acres at Bangor in Kitsap County and approximately 300 acres at Graham in Pierce County; and, emergency measures are necessary to prevent establishment of the pest in those areas;

WHEREAS, the Washington Department of Agriculture has prepared an Environmental Assessment and issued a determination of non-significance, tiered to federal agency environmental reviews for gypsy moth management in the United States;

WHEREAS, after thorough evaluation of other alternatives and in accordance with RCW 17.24.171, the Director of the Department of Agriculture has requested that I order emergency measures to control the pest;

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture proposes as the preferred alternative to use aerial spray applications of the biological insecticide containing the bacterium *Bacillus thuringiensis var. kurstaki (Btk)* (Foray 48B, EPA Reg. No. 73049-427) in the infestation areas, beginning in early May 2018, to kill the gypsy moth in its instar (caterpillar) stage; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture proposes to conduct aerial spraying with *Btk* under National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit #WA0039047 issued by the Washington State Department of Ecology for the purpose of invasive moth control.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, by virtue of the authority vested in me under RCW 43.06.010(13), as a result of the imminent danger of infestation noted herein, after evaluation of other alternatives and in accordance with RCW 17.24.171, do hereby declare a State of Emergency and authorize the Director of the

